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SUMMARY

FIFTH SESSION OF SECOND ROUND OF CONSULAR TALKS ON JUNE 15 ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY, SINCE NEITHER SIDE HAD SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE RESPONSES TO PROPOSALS MADE BY EACH AT FOURTH SESSION (PER REFTEL B). IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD SIXTH SESSION ON JUNE 21. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET DELEGATION WAS ABSENT TWO KEY MEMBERS, MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION CHIEF OF PASSPORTS AND VISAS SECTION N.G. KUSTOV AND MFA USA DIVISION 2ND SECRETARY V. TE. KUZNETSOV; THREE REMAINING MEMBERS OF DELEGATION HEADED BY MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION DEPUTY CHIEF I. GOROKHOV, AS LISTED IN PARA 1, REFTEL C, PARTICIPATED IN JUNE 15 SESSION.

2. ABSENCE THOSE TWO KEY MEMBERS MAY HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOVIET SIDE TO CONTINUE SUBSTANTIVE NEOGITATIONS. GOROKHOV RESPONDED TO LENINGRAD'S PLANESIDE DIPLOMATIC POUCH PROBLEM (SEE PARA 3 BELOW) AND SUGGESTED ENDING FIFTH SESSION PENDING
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OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BUSINESS VISA QUESTIONS (I.E., MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT, AMTORG) WITH MEMBERS OF US-USSR JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON, JUNE 8-9. EMBASSY CONSULAR COUNSELOR STATED THAT EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT WHILE US SIDE HAD RAISED SUCH QUESTIONS AT MEETING, SOVIET SIDE RESISTED DISCUSSION OF THEM ON GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE WITHIN SOLE COMPETENCE OF MFA. GOROKHOV NEVERTHELESS WISHED TO CHECK

OUT THESE MATTERS WITH SOVIET MEMBERS OF COMMISSION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE RE SOVIET REFUSAL TO ALLOW CONGEN LENINGRAD'S TRUCK TO DRIVE TO PLANESIDE FOR DIPLOMATIC POUCHES (REF D), GOROKHOV STATED THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD SIMILAR PROBLEMS AT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF SOVIET POUCHES IN NEW YORK TO AND FROM OTTAWA. LIKEWISE, ACCORDING TO GOROKHOV, SOVIET VEHICLES IN NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO MAY NOT DRIVE UP TO PLANES ARRIVING FROM MEXICO. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN ACCURACY THESE CLAIMS BY GOROKHOV.

4. EMBASSY'S CONSULAR COUNSELOR INFORMED SOVIET SIDE USG UNABLE TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC "A" VISAS TO DEPUTIES OF SUPREME SOVIET PER PARA 1, REFTEL A. HE NOTED THAT US SIDE COULD ISSUE SUCH VISAS TO CHAIRMEN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF USSR STATE COMMITTEES EQUIVALENT TO USSR CABINET MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS (A LIST OF USSR STATE COMMITTEES WHICH USG REGARDS AS EQUIVALENT TO USSR MINISTRIES, PER 76 STATE 225811, WAS HANDED TO GOROKHOV.)

5. IN RESPONSE TO CONSOFF NAPPER'S QUERY, GOROKHOV STATED SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE WILLING TO ISSUE IN RETURN DIPLOMATIC VISAS TO US BUSINESSMEN). GOROKHOV INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT SPEEDY ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF "L" VISAS WOULD BE A SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE. AT CONSULAR COUNSELOR'S REQUEST, GOROKHOV AGREED TO RESPOND AT SIXTH SESSION WITH QUID FOR US SIDE'S PROPOSAL TO EXPEDITE TWO CATEGORIES OF TRANSIT VISAS DESCRIBED PARA 1 B., REFTEL B.

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6. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD SIXTH SESSION JUNE 21.
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